

House Bill 1353 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Forster of the 3<sup>rd</sup>, Dickson of the 6<sup>th</sup>, and Neal of the 1<sup>st</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend an Act providing an exemption from Catoosa County ad valorem taxes for county purposes for certain disabled persons, approved April 19, 2000 (Ga. L. 2000, p. 3696), so as to increase the maximum income level permitted for eligibility for such exemption; to provide for a referendum; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

An Act providing an exemption from Catoosa County ad valorem taxes for county purposes for certain disabled persons, approved April 19, 2000 (Ga. L. 2000, p. 3696), is amended by revising Section 2 as follows:

"SECTION 2.

Each resident of Catoosa County who is totally disabled and whose net income for the immediately preceding taxable year does not exceed \$20,000.00 is granted an exemption for up to \$75,000.00 of the value of that person's homestead from all Catoosa County ad valorem taxes for county purposes."

**SECTION 2.**

Unless prohibited by the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, the election superintendent of Catoosa County shall call and conduct an election as provided in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of Catoosa County for approval or rejection. The election superintendent shall conduct that election on the date of the November, 2008, state-wide general election and shall issue the call and conduct that election as provided by general law. The superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date thereof

1 in the official organ of Catoosa County. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the  
2 words:

3 "( ) YES Shall the Act be approved which increases from \$14,000.00 to \$20,000.00  
4 the maximum family income allowable for persons qualifying for an  
5 ( ) NO exemption from Catoosa County ad valorem taxes for county purposes for  
6 disabled persons up to \$75,000.00 of the value of the homestead?"

7 All persons desiring to vote for approval of the Act shall vote "Yes," and all persons desiring  
8 to vote for rejection of the Act shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast on  
9 such question are for approval of the Act, Section 1 of this Act shall become of full force and  
10 effect on January 1, 2009. If the Act is not so approved or if the election is not conducted  
11 as provided in this section, Section 1 of this Act shall not become effective and this Act shall  
12 be automatically repealed on the first day of January immediately following that election  
13 date. The expense of such election shall be borne by Catoosa County. It shall be the election  
14 superintendent's duty to certify the result thereof to the Secretary of State.

### 15 **SECTION 3.**

16 Except as otherwise provided in Section 2 of this Act, this Act shall become effective upon  
17 its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

### 18 **SECTION 4.**

19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.